

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

HONORABLE GUSTAVO A. GELPI, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Sonia Cristina Cardona

DATE: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

COURT REPORTER: Evilys Carrion

**CASE #: CR-16-218 (GAG)**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**ATTORNEYS:**

AUSA Max Perez-Bouret

VS.

[1] ALFREDO UMPIERRE-SANTIAGO;  
[2] LUIS ANGEL GUERRIDO-MEDINA;  
[3] JUAN ROSARIO-MARRERO;  
[4] STEVEN TAPIA-MORALES;  
[5] ELVIN MORALES-RAMIREZ;  
[6] OBRYAN HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ;  
[7] LUIS COTTO-RIVERA;  
[8] IVAN MARTINEZ-TORRES;  
[9] ENRIQUE PEREZ-RIVERA;  
[10] DAVID VARGAS-SANTIAGO;  
[11] JAHN FERMIN-CORTES;  
[12] CARLOS JIMENEZ-FELIZ;  
[13] JOSE REYES-NEVAREZ;  
[14] GABRIEL VELEZ;  
[15] YARELIS GARCIA-RUIZ;  
[16] JAVIER ORTIZ-NIEVES;  
[17] STEPHANIE HERRERA-MONTANEZ;  
[18] KARINA ALAMO-MARRERO;  
[19] YEISHA PEDRAZA-SANTIAGO;  
[20] JIMMY MOLINA-OTERO;  
[21] EDMANUEL LAUREANO;  
[23] JOSUE DIAZ-TIRADO;  
[24] EMILINE BAEZ-AYALA.

Rafael Castro-Lang (substituted by Atty. Vega)  
Thomas Trebilcock  
Ignacio Fernandez (substituted by Atty. Brill)  
Jose Aguayo  
Laura Maldonado  
Francisco Adams  
Juan Matos (substituted by Atty. Gonzalez)  
AFPD John Connors (substituted by Atty. Gonzalez)  
Eduardo Ferrer-Rios  
Rachel Brill  
Ernesto Hernandez-Milan  
Jorge Vega-Pacheco  
Joseph Boucher  
Jason Gonzalez  
Anita Hill  
Jose Gaztambide (substituted by Atty. Johnny Rivera)  
Joseph Laws  
Javier Morales (substituted by Atty. Maldonado)  
Mariangela Tirado (not present)  
Julio Gonzalez  
Marie Cortes  
Julio Gil-de Lamadrid  
Juan Milanés

**CASE CALLED FOR STATUS CONFERENCE:**

The government informed that the Indictment had been superseded in the case. The government also stated that the case is death penalty eligible, however at the moment the defendants are not facing the death penalty since the committee has not made a decision yet. Defendants #2, #3, #16, #22 and #23 are the defendants that are still death penalty eligible. Defendant #22 is still a fugitive.

Atty. Brill substituting Atty. Fernandez stated that he would be requesting learned counsel for his client since his defendant is death penalty eligible. Atty. Rivera substituting Atty. Gaztambide joined the request. As well as Atty. Gil-de Lamadrid. Attorneys with defendants that are death penalty eligible to meet with the FPD's Office to discuss counsel available to be appointed as learned counsel and file a joint motion by **3/14/2017**.

**Government to notify as to death penalty certification by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Further Status Conference is set for June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:00 AM in Old San Juan Courtroom before Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi.**

The Court made a finding that the Speedy Trial remains tolled in the interest of justice which outweighs the best interest of the public and the defendants under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3161(h)(7)(A) until the next conference.

*s/ Sonia Cristina Cardona*

Sonia Cristina Cardona  
Courtroom Deputy Clerk